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MEMORANDUM FOR:  Colonel Baird

SUBJECT        :  National Security Lecture Series

REFERENCE      :  Paragraph 1 of the Weekly Progress Report


1. Item No. 1 of this week's progress report is a restrained paragraph based on four lines in Steve's report. This is admittedly a needle thrust and propoganda of not too subtle nature. The Foreign Service Institute is now doing a program not unlike the one we tried to sell the DDI and DDP last September on our National Security Lecture series. Clyde made nine telephone calls about this program and to date we have received 151 names.

2. I have had time to look over only the names proposed for the first two weeks of the series and have selected arbitrarily two persons per seminar for the lectures on the basis of my knowledge of the importance of the work being done by those I selected. These persons have been informed of the time and place. Additional telephone calls have come from those not chosen, informing us that their supervisors urge that provision be made by the Office of Training to include them. For the most part those selected to date are from the DDI offices.

3. This is good evidence and is turning out to be quite a survey of Agency interest as well as Agency need for this type of seminar. You may remember Lofty Becker did not choose to permit the Assistant Directors under him to see or even have a chance to comment on our original prospectus on the National Security Lecture series. If a proper survey had been made, we as an Office might have had a better opportunity to serve the Agency in a fairly important field.

4. I recommend that we review this proposed series, perhaps shorten it some, bring it up to date, change the name, and submit it this time to the Training Liaison Officers to disseminate widely within their respective offices.

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